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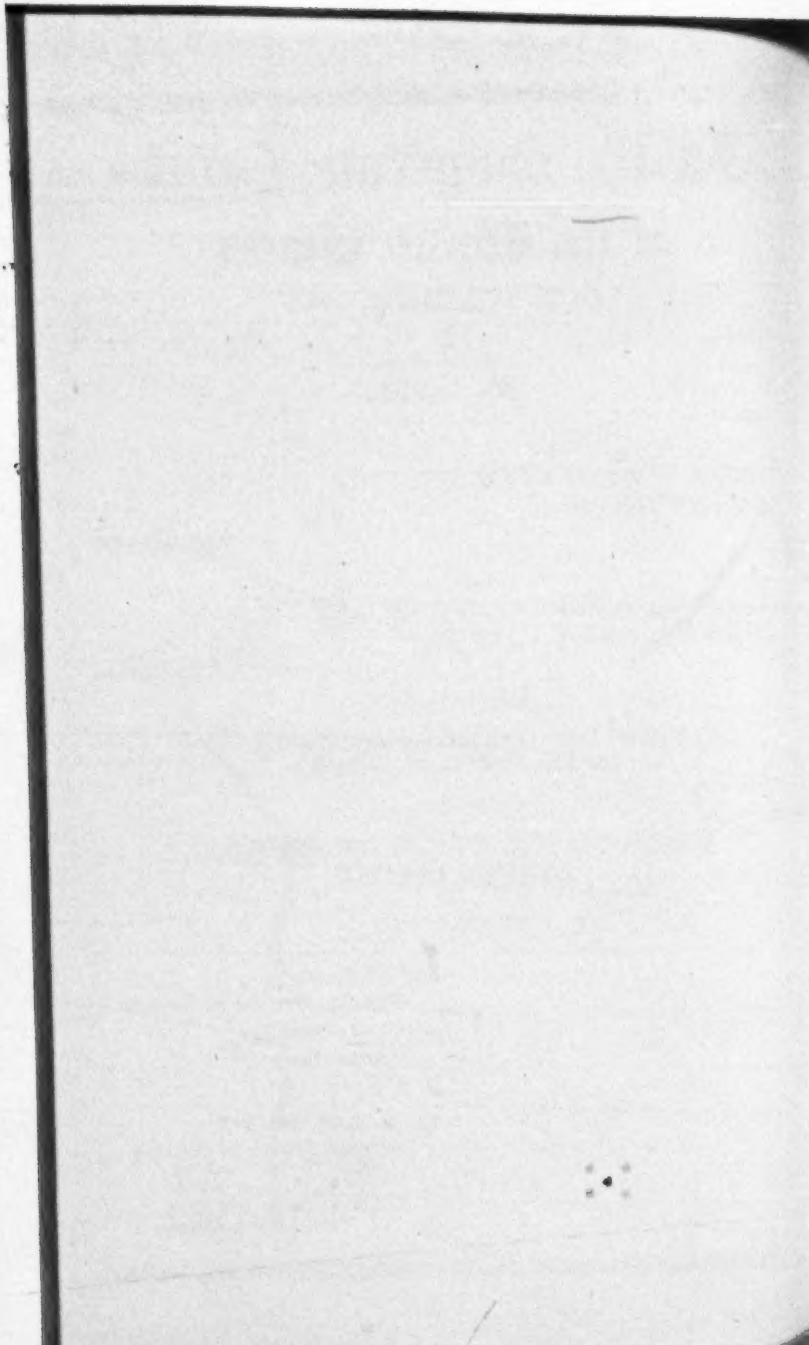

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INTEREST OF AMICUS

The Attorney General of the State of Oregon, files this brief amicus curiae in order to assist the court by indicating the experience of the State of Oregon with a statute prohibiting political activity by state employes.

ARGUMENT

The repeal of Oregon's "Little Hatch Act" has had no adverse effect.

The 1945 legislative assembly of the State of Oregon

enacted Oregon Laws 1945, ch 400, § 30. The section read:

> "No employe of any division or the commission shall use his official authority or influence to further the cause of any political party or candidate for nomination or election to public office. No person shall solicit from any employe of any division or the commission any money, influence, service or other valuable thing to further the cause of any political party or candidate for nomination or election to public office. No employe of any division or of the commission shall seek or accept nomination, election or appointment as an officer of a political party, club or organization, or serve as a member of a committee of any such club or organization, or be a candidate for a political office."

The 1967 legislative assembly repealed the statute. Oregon Laws 1967, ch 630, § 5.

Since the repeal of the law the state agencies charged with matters relating to employes of state agencies and divisions, the Personnel Division of the Executive Department and the Public Employe Relations Board, have had no instances of abuse of the power of political activity by state employes. Additionally there has been no appearance of coercion upon state employes by elected state officials.

This brief is filed in support of the position of the appellees, National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO, et al.

CONCLUSION

The judgment appealed from should be affirmed.

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